

REMARKS

I. Status Of The Claims

Claims 1-34 are pending in this application, of which claims 1, 2, 7-12, and 29-34 are withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 3-6 are objected to.

Claims 3-6, 13, 15-17, 19-21, 23-25, 27, and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) in view of Matthews (U.S. Patent No. 6,025,837) and Tomita (U.S. Patent No. 6,732,372).

Claims 14, 18, 22, and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) in view of Matthews, Tomita, and Kelts (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0112237).

Claims 3-6 are independent.

With this response, claims 3-6 are amended. No new matter has been added.

II. Claim Objections

The Office Action objects to claims 3-6, stating:

“[c]laim 3 recited the limitation ‘the channel’s broadcasting’ in page 29, lines 3-4, and 8. There is lack of antecedent basis for this limitation in this claim ... Likewise, claims 4-6 also recited the limitation ‘the channel’s broadcasting’”
(see Office Action, p. 2).

Moreover, the Office Action seems to request that each of claims 3-6 be amended such that each instance of “the channel’s broadcasting” is replaced with “the television channel’s broadcasting”.

For at least the reasons noted in the response to the last Office Action, Applicants respectfully disagree with the objection.

Nevertheless, to facilitate prosecution, with this response Applicants amend each of claims 3-6 in accordance with the Office Action's request.

In view of at least the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the objection be withdrawn.

III. Claim Rejections

The Office Action rejects independent claims 3-6 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) in view of Matthews and Tomita.

However, Applicants respectfully submit that Matthews and Tomita, taken individually or in combination, fail, for example, to disclose, teach, or suggest:

“... one or more icons coordinated with the television channel's broadcasting, said icons acting as hyperlinks to data relating to a predetermined number of programs recently broadcast on the television channel ...”

as set forth in each of claims 3-6 as amended herewith (emphasis added).

The Office Action, stating with regard to Matthews that:

“[t]he examiner assumes that the program shows at 8:30 PM is a current broadcasting program, then the 8:00 PM is a previous broadcasting program and 9:00 PM, 9:30 PM is future broadcasting program”,

apparently contends that the above-quoted of the claims, except for “said icons acting as hyperlinks”, is taught by Matthews via “hyperlinks 140” “Hitler;” “Pearl Harbor;”, and “A-Bomb” of Fig. 5.

However, Applicants respectfully disagree with the Office Action's contention for at least the reason that Matthews provides no disclosure, teaching, or suggestion that supports the assumption that “8:00 PM is a previous broadcasting program”.

For example, at column 9 lines 19-25 Matthews merely indicates that:

“[t]he illustrated screen shows an example programming line-up for 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. PST, Thursday, Mar. 7, 1996. The program titles, such as ‘Murder, She Wrote’ and ‘Friends,’ are arranged horizontally with respect to their networks CBS and NBC and vertically with respect to their start times of 8:00 p.m. PST”.

Matthews fails, for instance, to disclose, teach, or suggest that “8:00 p.m. PST” corresponds to “a previous broadcasting program” as assumed by the Office Action.

In view of at least the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 3-6, as well as those claims that depend therefrom, are in condition for allowance.

IV. Dependent Claims

Applicants do not believe it is necessary at this time to further address the rejections of the dependent claims as Applicants believe that the foregoing places the independent claims in condition for allowance. Applicants, however, reserve the right to further address those rejections in the future should such a response be deemed necessary and appropriate.

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V. **Conclusion**

Applicants respectfully submit that this Application is in condition for allowance for which action is earnestly solicited.

If a telephone conference would facilitate prosecution of this Application in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

VI. **Authorization**

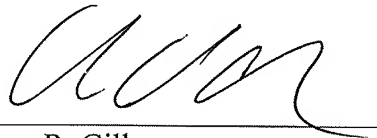
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required for this response, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 4208-4042. **A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.**

Furthermore, in the event that an extension of time is required, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to the above-noted Deposit Account and Order No.

Respectfully submitted,

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